

## Wendens Ambo Pre-School

### 6.0 Health

#### 6.4 Nappy changing

##### Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

##### Procedures

- We have a list of children who are in nappies/pull-ups and change when needed during the morning and afternoon sessions they attend.
- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups and where the key person is absent or unavailable another staff member will do this.
- We work with parents, as required, to assist children with their potty training.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes.
- Children who are still in nappies or pull ups have their own peg in the nappy changing area so that their nappies, pull ups and wipes are close at hand.
- Children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.

- Our staff use protective clothing when changing nappies.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never leave the child unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We have no facilities to dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically so any nappies, pull ups or cloth nappies are bagged for parents to take home. The same applies to any wet or soiled clothes. We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

After a review by the Committee members and staff this policy was adopted at a meeting of the Wendens Ambo Pre-School Committee

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